

SENATE BILL 746

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By: **Senator Stone**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development – Task Force on Job Creation**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force on Job Creation; specifying the
4 membership, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; specifying that a member of
5 the Task Force may not receive compensation, but may receive certain
6 reimbursement; requiring the Task Force to determine the causes of the loss of
7 employment opportunities in the State and make certain recommendations;
8 requiring the Task Force to inventory current State and local agencies, laws,
9 regulations, and policies on job creation ~~that are duplicative, operate at~~
10 ~~cross purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation and retention~~ for a certain
11 purpose; requiring the Task Force, on or before certain dates, to submit certain
12 preliminary and final reports to the Governor and the General Assembly;
13 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task
14 Force on Job Creation.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That:

17 (a) There is a Task Force on Job Creation.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President
20 of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
2 the House;

3 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
4 Secretary's designee;

5 (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
6 Secretary's designee; and

7 (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

8 (i) three representatives of businesses located in the State; and

9 (ii) three representatives of labor organizations, including one
10 representative from a building trades labor organization.

11 (c) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's
12 designee who serves on the Task Force, shall chair the Task Force.

13 (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall provide
14 staff for the Task Force.

15 (e) A member of the Task Force:

16 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

17 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
18 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19 (f) The Task Force shall:

20 (1) determine the causes of the loss of employment opportunities in
21 the private sector in the State, including employment opportunities in manufacturing,
22 heavy industry, ship building and repair, and businesses that supply industry in the
23 State;

24 (2) inventory current State and local agencies, laws, regulations, and
25 policies on job creation in the private sector to determine ~~whether they are duplicative,~~
26 ~~operate at cross purposes, or are ineffective as to job creation or retention in~~
27 ~~Maryland~~ the effectiveness of the agencies, laws, regulations, and policies; and

28 (3) make recommendations, including legislative and policy proposals,
29 regarding ways the State can:

30 (i) encourage new employers to locate in the State;

1 (ii) keep employers that are located in the State from moving to
2 locations outside the State;

3 (iii) encourage employers that have left the State to return to the
4 State; and

5 (iv) encourage employers in the State to maintain or grow the
6 number of employees they have in the State.

7 (g) The Task Force shall submit, on or before December 31, 2011, a
8 preliminary report and, on or before June 1, 2012, a final report with its findings and
9 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
10 Government Article, the General Assembly.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
13 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
14 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.